

FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS

Grant Grove Village Area

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here are both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s.

INFORMATION

- **Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-6pm through 7/2, then 8am-7pm through 8/21, then reduced hours. Exhibits, 15-minute movie in English & Spanish. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. Local wilderness permits issued until 5:30pm through 9/5. 1-559-565-4307.

FOOD, LODGING & OTHER SERVICES

- **Restaurant (KCPS):** Daily 7am-2pm & 5-9pm.
- **Gift Shop & Market (KCPS):** Daily 8am-9pm. Souvenirs, film, clothing, ATM. Market sells food & other supplies, sandwiches, bear canisters, & cans of emergency gasoline.
- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-11. Lodge front desk in restaurant building: 7am-midnight.
- **Post Office:** Hours may vary. Monday-Friday 9am-3:30 pm; Saturday 10-noon. Lobby open 24 hours. Send mail for visitors to: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.
- **Showers (KCPS):** Daily 11am-4pm.
- **Stables - Horseback Riding:** See page 3.
- **Pay Telephones:** Available 24 hours at Kings Canyon Visitor Center (booth by front door); & outside gift shop & market. Cell phone signals are usually poor.

Cedar Grove Village in the Kings Canyon

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — “a rival to the Yosemite,” according to John Muir.

INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 9am-5pm. Books, maps, first aid, bear canisters. 1-559-565-3793.
- **Wilderness Permits (NPS):** At Road's End, 6 miles (9.6km) east of the village. Daily 7am-3pm. No permits issued after 2:45pm. Maps, bear canisters.

FOOD, LODGING & OTHER SERVICES

- **Restaurant (KCPS):** Counter-service meals & snack bar; not a full-service restaurant. Daily 7am-2pm & 5-8pm through 8/14, then reduced hours. Lunch supplies available at market.
- **Gift Shop & Market (KCPS):** Salads, sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, souvenirs. Daily 7am-8pm.
- **Camping & Lodging:** See pages 10-11.
- **Showers:** Daily 7am-1pm & 3-7pm.
- **Pay Telephones:** Outside lodge & ranger station.
- **Horseback Riding:** Details on page 3.

Paying Your Entrance Fee at Kings Canyon in Grant Grove

The entrance station at Big Stump just off Highway 180 is open. Please stop there to pay the required park and forest entrance fee or to show your pass. One fee is good for visiting *both* parks *and* the forest!

USFS: National Forest & Monument Hume Lake & Big Meadows Areas (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive from the park area of Lodgepole to Grant Grove and from Grant Grove to Cedar Grove.

PAY TELEPHONES (cell-phone signals are usually poor):

- **Between Wuksachi Village & Grant Grove:** Summer only at Stony Creek Resort & Big Meadows trailhead.
- **Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove:** Hume Lake (year round; see *Hume Lake* below); Kings Canyon Lodge (summer only).

INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon park entrance at Big Stump. Open 1st Saturday of the month through September, 8am-4:30pm. Maps & books sold. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia.

LODGING & OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Montecito Lake Resort (FS permittee):** Open all year. A resort on public land. On Generals Highway 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Breakfast 7:30-9am, lunch 12-1:30pm, dinner 5:30-7pm. Cabins, hotel, children's activities. 1-800-227-9900 or 1-559-565-3388.
- **Hume Lake:** Year-round private facilities open to public: 24-hour laundry (coin operated) & gas station (with credit card). **Market & snack shop.** North of Grant Grove 8 miles (13km) on Hwy 180, then right on Hume Lake Road 3 miles (5km). 1-559-335-2000.
- **Boyden Cavern:** On Highway 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. Daily tours on the hour 10am-5pm. Gift shop. Ask about evening flashlight tours & guided canyoneering trips. Ages 14 & up \$13; 3-13 \$8; under 3 free. AAA 10% discount. *Senior and Access Interagency Pass discounts do not apply.* Schools & other group reservations: 1-559-338-0959.
- **Stony Creek Resort (FS):** On Generals Highway south of Grant Grove. Open 1 hour later on Friday-Saturday. Market: 7am-8pm. Restaurant 11am-2pm & 4-7:30pm. Showers 9am-6pm. Laundry. Gasoline 24 hours with credit card. 1-866-KCANYON; 1-559-565-3909.

GASOLINE SALES on FOREST LANDS

- At Hume Lake, Stony Creek, and Kings Canyon Lodge. See page 3 for details.

FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

Rangers lead a wide variety of programs at areas throughout the parks. Check bulletin boards and visitor centers for times, topics, and meeting locations.

IN GRANT GROVE:

- **Grant Tree Walk:** Daily 2pm through 9/5, then Saturdays & Sundays.
- **Evening Programs:** Nightly through mid-August, then on Fridays & Saturdays. At Sunset Campground Amphitheater. Non-campers are welcome!
- **Ranger's Choice:** 4pm daily, 6/26 through mid-August. 1/2-hour talk or short walk starting at the visitor center.

IN CEDAR GROVE:

- **Walks, Talks, & Campfire Programs** led by rangers explore this canyon of the Kings River and other aspects of the park.
- **South Fork Clean Up:** Sponsored by Friends of the South Fork Kings River - July 10, September 18. Contact (916)601-9954 or wetemplin@att.net for details.